



Traveling outside of the U.S.?

If you are a student on an F-1 visa and you are planning to travel outside of the United States during a semester break or holiday (for 5 months or less), make sure to do the following:

1. Come in to the International Student Center and have a DSO (designated school official) **sign your I-20 form.**
2. Make sure your **passport** is valid for at least 6 months from the time you plan to leave.
3. Make sure your **F-1 visa** has not expired and will not expire before the date you plan to return to the United States.¹
4. Print out a copy of **your I-94 form** (you can do so at www.cbp.gov/i94).
5. Print out a **paper copy of the schedule of classes** for which you have enrolled at CSM as proof of enrollment. (If you are traveling between semesters, print the schedule for the upcoming semester rather than the one you just finished.)
6. If you are leaving at the end of a semester, make sure you have **paid your tuition and fees for the next semester** by midnight California (Pacific Standard) time on the deadline date (**deadline dates will be listed here:** <http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/fees/>). If fees are not paid by this date, all of the classes for which you have registered will be automatically dropped.
7. Take the following with you when you travel:
 - a. **passport with valid F-1 visa**
 - b. **signed I-20 form**
 - c. **I-94 form**
 - d. **copy of your schedule**
8. Put the International Student Center phone number (650 -574-6525) and email (csminternational@smccd.edu) into your phone/address book just in case you need it.
9. Have an enjoyable and safe trip!

Remember: having your documents organized and ready to show to customs/border officials can help to make your re-entry into the U.S. go smoothly.

¹ Please note: if the F-1 entry visa stamp in your passport has expired and you plan to travel outside the United States, you must go to a [U.S. consulate or embassy](#) abroad to obtain a new F-1 visa. *F-1 visas may not be renewed inside the United States.*